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THE
PARLIAMENTS
CARE FOR THE
Citie of London,

In purging the Tower from Conspiracies.

WITH THE RELATION OF A BOX
that was found neere the Temple, wherein was in-
closed a letter from *Tyrone* the Arch-Rebell
in Ireland, to Colonel *Lunsford* late
Lieutenant of the Tower.

Which Letter was delivered to the Parliament, to be
read in both Houses : and herein is expressed the Copy of
the same letter, concerning forces both of Horse and Foot
that *Lunsford* should gather against this City, and that
Tyrone would assist him, and that the Kings both
of *France* and *Spain* would conjoyne
their forces with them against this
KINGDOME.

As also shewing the vigilant care of the Parliament for the se-
curity of the City : And having some intelligence of divers
Labourers at worke in the Tower, carrying up Powder
and other Amunition to the Bulwark and high Tower,
sent for Colonell *Biron*, Lieutenant thereof; who
refusing to come, was sent for by a strong guard
and the Knight of the black Rod.

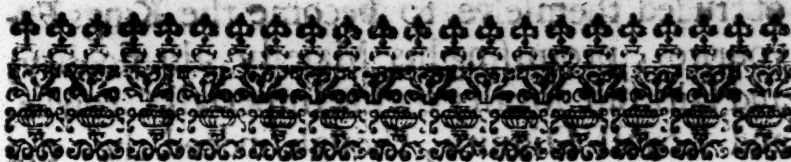
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PARLIAMENT
CARE FOR THE
City of London

In purging the Tower from Contingents

WITH THE ALLIANCE
of the Tower and the City
of London from the Tower
of London to the City
of London

As the Tower was of great use to the Parliament
and in both Houses; and herein is expressed the Copy
of the same letter, concerning the Tower of London, and
that the Tower should be kept against the City, and that
the Tower would assist him, and that the Kings both
of France and Spain would assist
their forces with them against the
KINGDOM.

As also showing the vigilance of the Parliament for the
safety of the City: And having some intelligence of
Labours at work in the Tower, carrying up Powder
and other Ammunition to the Bulwark and high Tower,
sent for Colonel Sir John Lenthall, Master of the
artillery to command the Tower, and for Sir John
and the Knight of the black Rod.



The Parliaments care for the safety of the City of London,

In purging the Tower from Conspiracies.

THe Parliament having with carefull sedulity, and indefatigable diligence wrought with the various distempers of this Kingdome, doe still finde a malignant party daily opposing them, who are the sole obstacles and hinderance of their other proceedings. I need not involve my words in a too mysterious description: for I meane the Papists, who like foggy clouds strive to obscure the glorious Sunshine of the Parliament. And although they have oftentimes conspired to subvert and dissolve not onely that Illustrious Assembly, but consequently the whole Kingdome besides; yet those famous Pillars of this Realme have withstood their counsels, and dissipated their designs. And as their inveterate malice hath been most against the Citie of London, so the Parliaments vigilancie hath been most for the security of the same. They have oftentimes

obtruded themselves to become the Kings Favourites, promising his Maieſty all fidelity; and faithfull loyalty to his Imperiall Crowne, and Royall Dignity, though indeed they did but flatter him in calumnious out-shoves: for they are the ſole enemies, who palpably ſtrive rather to extenuate & diminish his Crowne, then to maintaine it: yet ſtill they have ſycophantized his Maieſty, that they might come to places of dignity and command in the City: ſo that by this meanes they might more eaſily bring their deſignes to maturity and execution. Their plots had once come almoſt to a ripe perfection, when they had got their Arch-conduct *Lunsford* to bee Lieutenant of the Tower: but the Citie having ſuſpition of ſome deſigne againſt them, cauſed an Inſurrection, and violently diſplaced him from his Lieutenantſhip. Then ſcorning to ſuffer ſuch indignity by the Citizens and Apprentices, hee reſolved himſelfe to vindicate and revenge his owne cauſe (as ſoone as opportunity he could) againſt the Citie. And *Tyrone* his great friend in Ireland, hearing that hee was miſplaced, did write a letter to this effect which followeth, which was found neer the Temple, &c.



TO HIS HONOVRED AND
much respected friend, Colonell
Lunsford, &c.

Worthy and thrice Noble friend,

WE had once great hopes, and confident expectation, that London should have been our owne, hearing of your fortunate election to bee Lieutenant of the Tower. When this newes was first anuntiated, it caused alacrity in all our friends, and we prayed for the successe of your good designe. But hearing since of your inauspicious misfortune to be displaced with such indignity, it hath caused no little griefe unto us all : yet still bee couragious, be still magnanimous, and resolve to vindicate the absurd abuse of the Citie. For my part, I shall for this cause more violently prosecute the Protestants here ; and withall I shall to the uttermost of my power send you some auxiliary assistance : in the meane time bee constant to the Court of Rome, and I shall transcribe some letters to friends there in England, that shall aid you with their Forces. I am sorry that our intended designs against that Kingdom, can never come to the full effect : but shortly wee are resolved to come in a sudden brunt, and subvert the whole Kingdome, by the assistance of the King of France and Spaine; and then wee doubt not, but we shall obtain mature-

lye, and in the meantime
provide what forces you can possibly with ex-
pedition, and you shall suddenly heare from me
againe.

THis letter being found, and the superscrip-
tion read, perceiving that it was directed to
Colonell *Lunsford*, they began to suspect some-
thing in the same, in regard that he was a Papist,
and of a malicious and bloudy minde,, and with-
all, the times being so troublesome, and full of
perill : wherefore they broke it open immedi-
ately, and reading such treacherous lines inclu-
ded therein, to the tenor of those words afore-
mentioned, they by the consent of some friends,
presented the same to the Parliament, where it
was read to the stupendious amazement of them
all. Then they unanimously concluded, to have
the Tower strongly fortified; and intelligence
being given unto them of some Powder and o-
ther Amunition transported to the Bulwarke,
and high Tower, and of many Labourers there
privately working. they ordered that Sir *Iohn
Biron*, the Lieutenant of the Tower, should bee
forthwith sent for, to explaine the cause and rea-
son of the same. A Messenger being sent from
the house of Commous to him, he replied, that
hee would serve but one Master, unlesse hee sent
for him that placed him there, hee would not
come.

Report hereof being made again to the House,
they were somewhat incensed against him, and
sent

sent a Knight of the Blacke Rod for him, with a very strong guard, who entring obscurely into the Tower, violently took him, & presented him to the Parliament, who incontinently demanded the cause of so abrupt denyall of their Message. For the Parliament hath an indulgent care of the Citie, and will prosecute those with as condigne punishment, who doe pretend, or conspire against it, as if it were done to their owne Members. For they know that the security of the whole Kingdome depends on the security of the Citie: wherefore the City hath great cause to be respective unto them for their gracious vigilancie over it in repelling and extruding ill-suspected members thereof; lest at length they should exulcerate the rest. God grant that all their pious endeavours, counsels and determinations, may be directed to the right object, to the peace and safety of the Kingdome, the inviolation of the Crown, the prosperity of the Realm: and lastly, to the flourishing propagation of the true Gospel of Christ, that the wicked conspirators of destructive ruine to this Nation, and all other delinquents, may suffer condigne and exemplary punishment: that the seditious, tumultuous, and confusive discords of the Church may be pacified, to the honour and praise of Gods holy Name, the immortall credit and memory of the Parliament, and the true prosperitty of this Kingdome. *Amen.*

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Declarations
Remonstrances